

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph 2 on page 3 with the following amended paragraph:

In another aspect of the invention, a method of validating an entrance to an event site comprises the steps of accessing to a reception server through a network by a portable terminal device to request an issue of ticket data (step 602 of Fig. 6), transmitting a mail containing a password and an address of a ticket issue server to the requesting portable terminal device from the reception server (step 604), receiving the mail by the portable terminal device and addressing the ticket issue server according to the address contained in the received mail and inputting the password contained in the received mail to thereby gain an access to the ticket issue server (step 606), transmitting the ticket data in lieu of a physical ticket to the requesting portable terminal device from the ticket issue server upon confirmation of the inputted password (step 608), and receiving the ticket data by the portable terminal device to reproduce the ticket data in a visible or audible form at the event site for validating of the entrance to the event site (step 612).

Please insert the following language after paragraph 4 on page 7:

FIG. 6 is a flowchart describing a processing procedure to be executed at the acquisition of day ticket data;

Please replace paragraph 2 on page 12 with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 2(c) shows an exemplary mail message notifying the ticket URL and password received in step 411. Checking this mail message, the user accesses to the supplied ticket URL in step 412. FIG. 2(d) shows an exemplary ticket issue page displayed in step 414 (or step 614 of fig. 6). This screen prompts the user to enter his password to determine whether the user has already received the ticket URL and the password. Different URLs and passwords may be provided for different events such as concerts. It is also practicable to notify the ticket URL and password not by e-mail but by use of a URL and password issued in an HTML page generated by a server such as a CGI (Common Gate Interface) server. In the present embodiment, the entity to which ticket data reservation is applied is separate from the other entity (URL) to which the user accesses for ticket issuance. It will be apparent that the ticket reservation and issue pages may be arranged on the same Web site and distinguished from one another by different passwords.

Please replace paragraph 2 on page 14 with the following amended paragraph:

An input area may be arranged in the ticket display shown in FIG. 2(e) (step 616 of Fig. 6) into which the user inputs a predetermined password at the time of entering the event venue (step 618). The event administration checks a visible change in the display to determine the admission (steps 620, 622). In this case, the screen data having this input area and the data including a script which changes the display image when the predetermined password is inputted in the input area may be sent to the user portable terminal as ticket data (step 612). The password in this case may be supplied in the form of a numbered ticket given to visitors in the order of their arrival (step 610 of Fig. 6).

Please replace paragraph 1 on page 15 with the following amended paragraph:

Admission information in the form of numbers or character strings may be displayed on the monitor screen (step 414 of Fig. 4 or step 622 of fig. 6). The event administration checks this admission information at the time of entering the venue to determine admission authentication. For example, when the admission information is inputted in the event site management terminal 106, the mobile telephone number of a corresponding registrant is called, the call terminating response of the mobile telephone being used for authentication.

Please replace paragraph 2 on page 15 with the following amended paragraph:

In order to realize so-called day tickets sold on the day of the music performance, a particular URL separately specified at the event site may be accessed to provide the ticket authentication display for only the permitted number of first comers (steps 610, 614-622 of Fig. 6). The display screen may be of a format compliant with particular software to disable the displaying of screens unless such software is installed (steps 600 and 612 of Fig. 6) and unless the user is registered, thereby enhancing the reliability of authentication. In addition, in order to make the authentication more secure, a time stamp, a ticket display version number, or an issue number may be attached to each display screen.